



CITY OF NORMAN, OK ANIMAL WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Animal Welfare Center, 3428 South Jenkins Ave, Conference Room,
Norman, OK 73072

Monday, September 09, 2024 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

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ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Co-Chairperson Mark Howery

Co-Chairperson Becca Bean

Committee Member Kim Fairbanks

Committee Member Dr. Rod Hall

Committee Member Kristy Wicker

Committee Member Sandy Moore-Furneaux

Councilmember Michael Nash

APPROVAL OF THE JULY MINUTES

Dr. Rod Hall made a motion to accept the minutes, and Kim Fairbanks seconded. The motion passed.

MONTHLY STATISTICS AND UPDATES

Ashley Battiest went over the July and August statistics. Norman Animal Welfare remained over capacity through July with more animals coming into the shelter than leaving. The shelter had 314 animals come into the shelter in July. There was a significant increase in stray cat and kitten intakes when compared to last year in July. In July there were 247 animals adopted, returned to owners, or sent to rescue. There were 99 animals in foster and the shelter had an 88.5% live release rate in July.

In August, Norman Animal Welfare had 294 animals come into the shelter including 36 owner surrendered dogs/puppies and 16 owner surrendered cats/kittens. 331 animals had live outcomes and were adopted, returned to their owners, or sent to rescue in August including 42 animals that were on the Dog is My Copilot flight on August 7th.

There were 112 animals in foster in August and the shelter had a 91.7% live release rate.

The owner surrender list increased from 262 animals on the wait list in July to 288 animals in August.

Supervisor Battiest discussed the staffing challenges the shelter has been experiencing this summer, and that the shelter has already hired one Animal Welfare Tech, with the second tech in the background phase. The shelter also has the second vet technician position in the background phase of the hiring process.

The staff will be requesting the use of donation funds this fall to build a fenced in play yard in the front of the shelter that will benefit volunteers and potential adopters.

Shelter staff will be participating in several fall events, notably Norman Animal Welfare will be hosting an adoption event called Monster Midnight Muttiness on October 25, which will include vendors and adoptions from 5pm until midnight.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discussion of Supply Needs for NAWC

Becca Bean discussed how volunteers in the past were able to utilize a chest freezer to put Kongs they had prepped for dogs. The freezer had been moved to the back of the shelter and occasionally is used to hold deceased animals. Becca wanted to know if staff would like an additional freezer or if there were other items that could be donated to the shelter that staff needed.

2. Preliminary Discussion of Emergency Planning

Kim Fairbanks asked about the shelters emergency plan. Where were the temporarily shelter locations and back up places, and what MOU's does the shelter have with other organizations to respond to large-scale emergencies. She asked if the emergency response plan had been updated to include responses for large wildlife.

Supervisor Battiest will send out the plan to committee members before the November meeting, additionally all shelter staff have received the police departments emergency prep training that covers chain of command and city response.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Volunteer of the Year Nomination Review and Vote

The committee looked over the nominations for the Erica Loftis Volunteer Award. There was a discussion that the award only be given to individuals and not organizations or businesses. Kim Fairbanks spoke about adding more clear eligibility guidelines to the nomination form for next year.

The committee selected Sereta Wilson to be the recipient of the 2024 Erica Lofits Volunteer Award.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS & CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Anthony would like to donate a wooden statue of a bear in honor of the bear killed in 2021. He was hoping it would be allowed to be displayed on Norman Animal Welfare property. It would have a concrete base and stand about five feet tall. Other places discussed for placement were the Firehouse Art Center, and other city properties or parks.

ADJOURNMENT

Sandy Moore-Furneaux moved to adjourn the meeting, Kim Fairbanks seconded. The motion passed.

Mark D Howey

Nov. 18, 2024

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